



MCIA Administrative Office

101 Interchange Plaza Suite 202

Cranbury, NJ 08512

Phone: 609-655-5141

Email: mciaadmin@mciauth.com

Website: www.mciauth.com

MCIA Board

James P. Nolan, *Chairman*

Anthony Raczynski, *Vice Chairman*

Paul Abbey, *Secretary*

Christine D'Agostino

Middlesex County Board Of County Commissioners

Ronald G. Rios, *County Director*

Shanti Narra, *County Deputy Director*

Claribel Azcona-Barber

Charles Kenny

Leslie Koppel

Chanelle Scott McCullum

Charles E. Tomaro

SPOTSWOOD

2022 Recycling & Curbside Collection Guide



WE DO NOT ACCEPT PLASTIC BAGS.



IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY NJ

Curbside Collection Schedule

Wednesdays

January 5, 19	July 6, 20
February 2, 16	August 3, 17, 31
March 2, 16, 30	September 14, 28
April 13, 27	October 12, 26
May 11, 25	November 9, 23
June 8, 22	December 7, 21

DO Recycle	 Plastic Bottles coded with #1 & #2 only	 Glass Bottles & Jars all sizes, shapes and colors	
	 Mixed Paper paper, newspaper, magazines, soft cover books		 Cans aluminum and steel (tin) cans
	 Cardboard corrugated, cereal boxes		

DON'T Put IN the Recycling BIN		 Plastic Bags i.e: grocery, ziploc, garbage bags	
 Shredded Paper	 Greasy or food contaminated items	 Pots, pans, and small appliances	
 Plastic coded #3 - #7	 Tanglers i.e: garden hoses, electric cords	 Syringes, batteries and bulbs	 Dishware, glass, and mirrors
 Styrofoam			

The Middlesex County Improvement Authority's Program collects recyclables in single-stream fashion.

All curbside recyclable items, such as bottles, cans, paper, and small flat cardboard can be mixed together in a single recycling container. Do not put recycling in bags.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT PLASTIC BAGS.

Proper Containers

Blue containers with the Middlesex County logo are used for single-stream collection in the MCIA's program. Overflow can be placed in your own unlidded plastic or metal containers 32 gallons or smaller and not more than 50 lbs. Do not overfill containers.

Not Accepted:

Recyclables in plastic bags or in containers not at the curb. Do not leave them near the house, garage, or at the top of the driveway.

Replacement Containers:

If your containers are lost,

stolen, or broken, replacement containers can be purchased from your municipal recycling coordinator (contact info listed in Recycling Service Information section of this brochure).

New Homeowners:

Welcome! Contact your municipal recycling coordinator within three months of moving in to obtain a free container (contact info listed in Recycling Service Information section of this brochure).

Curbside Collection:

Place your full containers on the curb before 6 am on collection day (times are subject to change). Be sure to label them with your name and address.

Newspaper & Mixed Paper

We Accept:

- newspaper
- magazines
- catalogs
- junk mail
- brown paper bags
- nonmetallic wrapping paper
- office records
- computer paper
- file folders
- receipts
- telephone books
- softcover books
- hardcover books (remove front and back cover)
- greeting cards
- nonwaxy food and cereal boxes
- tissue boxes
- shoe boxes

If you have more paper than you can fit in your container, place the overflow in brown paper grocery bags (**NO PLASTIC BAGS**). Additional newspaper may be bundled, tied, and placed next to your container.

Cardboard & Paperboard

We Accept:

Corrugated cardboard and

layered cardboard shaped into ridges, folds, or grooves (such as shipping boxes and packaging for most appliances).

Flatten, bundle, and securely tie the cardboard and sheets into stacks no larger than 48 inches square and 12 inches high. **CARDBOARD IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Note: The maximum number of recycling bundles of cardboard and/or paper bags of mixed paper that the collector will pick up from individual households, each collection, is six (6).

We Do Not Accept Pizza Boxes or Shredded Paper.

Cans, Bottles & Plastic

We Accept:

Metal, glass, and plastic recyclables can be commingled in single-stream fashion. Rinse all items.

Metal:

Tin, steel, aluminum, and bimetal cans (soda, beer, pet food, soup and tuna cans). Rinse the cans and crush them to maximize capacity. Dispose of lids.

Glass:

Glass bottles and jars of all colors

(juice, soda, beer and liquor bottles, mayonnaise and spaghetti sauce jars). Remove and dispose lids.

Plastic:

#1 PETE and #2 HDPE containers (milk and juice jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent, shampoo, and soda bottles).

Check for:



Crush to maximize capacity and remove and dispose caps.

We Do Not Accept:

- drinking glasses
- window glass
- mirrors
- Pyrex® glassware
- light bulbs
- plastic toys
- plastic packaging
- aluminum foil
- gardening or garage plastics
- polystyrene or Styrofoam™
- plastic cups or food trays

*Only recyclables that are properly prepared will be collected. You may receive a **rejection** sticker and collection skipped otherwise.*

Leaves, Brush & Grass

Leaves

must be placed curbside in biodegradable bags, check website for schedule.

Brush

(collected bi-monthly)
call 732-416-1829 to arrange pick-up.

Grass Clippings

(collected Monday, May – October)
should be placed curbside in brown biodegradable bags or open containers.

Battery Management

Prevent fires!! Do NOT throw rechargeable batteries in the trash or recycling bin. Rechargeable and button cell batteries from cordless power tools, cellular & cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders and remote control toys should be recycled at drop-off locations found at

www.call2recycle.org or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE. Rechargeable and button cell batteries will be accepted at the Middlesex County Household Hazardous Waste events. Rechargeable and button cell batteries must be individually bagged or taped on each terminal end prior to recycling to prevent short-circuiting during transport.

Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9V) with the word 'ALKALINE' on the battery can be disposed of in the regular trash.

Special Items

Visit RecycleCoach app or call 732-416-1829 for info about the Spotswood's Recycling Drop-Off Center, textiles, metals and appliances, consumer electronics, and bulk waste.

RecycleCoach

Whether it's determining what is recyclable, or remembering the pick-up schedule, RecycleCoach has you covered. Download this app to personalize your own recycling calendar and use the

What Goes Where? search tool to better sort your recyclables.

Available in the App Store or Google Play.



Contact

Matthew O'Brien, Director of Public Works & Recycling Coordinator
732-251-0700 ext. 822

Recycling Hotline
800-488-6242

Weather Emergencies
Changes in collection due to weather emergencies or other emergency situations can be found at www.mciauth.com or checked with the recycling department directly at 800-488-6242.

800-488-6242 (MCIA)
Municipal recycling schedules available at www.mciauth.com